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Subject:

Coal Hollow Project - c/025/005

I would like to express my opposition to the Coal Hollow Project.

I live on Highway 89, 4 miles north of Hatch and the impact of this project would be negative in many respects to the environment in this area. The Sevier River would be significantly impacted by the chemicals that come from this coal and therefore would severely hurt the fish in the river as well as the deer and antelope that water there. Not only would the wildlife be hurt, but the water quality for humans would be at risk since our water supplies come from this river. The air quality would hurt the beautiful birds, such as eagles, that fly over these lands. The pollution that would be a by-product of this mine would take away the wonderful night skies that can be enjoyed in this area, much like the skies in the rest of the nation have been ruined.

In addition, this mine would seriously hurt the tourism in this area with the coal trucks that would be traveling up and down the highway. It is difficult enough now with all the semi trucks to safely get in and out of one's driveway, let alone adding to the problem with all the coal trucks. The roads themselves would also suffer with the added traffic and the heavy loads of coal.

I urge you to conduct more specific and detailed tests and allow the results of such tests to be given to the public when considering this project. It is my understanding that this coal would not even be used for energy or fuel so I cannot understand how conservation and environmental issues would not be of the utmost importance to you or anyone else considering such a project.

Sincerely,

Eileen H. Chapman

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